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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2004 in the above-identified application be extended for three months, to and including, February 28, 2005. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee and any other deficiency to Deposit Account 11-0980.

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